

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed **May 23, 2003**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 23-25, and 27-30. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-21, 23-25, and 27-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maier et al. (USPN 5,625,815, hereinafter "Maier") in view of Green et al. (USPN 6, 041,310, hereinafter "Green").

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Independent claims 1, 11, and 21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Maier in view of Green.

Applicant respectfully points out that Maier teaches methods for **restructuring a database** while maintaining high-availability of the database (see Maier, Abstract). To maintain the high-availability of the database, Maier teaches using audit records for transactions that occur between the start of a restructuring operation and the end of the restructuring operation (see Maier, FIGs. 4-6 and col. 7, lines 8-9). Clearly, **Maier requires audit records to be created** for all transactions.

In contrast, the present invention discloses creating an audit record for transactions only **if auditing is enabled** (see page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 5 of the instant application. It is advantageous to create an audit record only if auditing is enabled because it allows auditing only transactions on rows of the database that contain sensitive data.

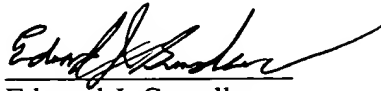
Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11, and 21 to clarify that an audit record is created for a transaction only if auditing is enabled. These amendments find support in the instant application on page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 5

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 21 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 3-5 and 7-10, which depend upon claim 1, claims 13-15 and claims 17-20, which depend upon claim 11, and claims 23-25 and 27-30, which depend upon claim 21 are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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